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As below named inventors we hereby declare that: Our residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention, entitled:

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We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with *Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations*, Section 1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under *Title 35*, *United States Code*, 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Applications: None

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We hereby claim the benefit under *Title 35*, *United States Code*, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of *Title 35*, *United States Code*, Section 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined by *Title 37*, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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